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The Brady Brief - Health Care Reform: One Year Later

Dear Friend,

One year ago this week, President Obama signed the Affordable Care and Patient Protection Act. The law put into place various comprehensive health insurance reforms that will roll out over a few years. Already, many of the most important changes have already taken effect, improving the lives of millions of Americans.

The following outlines just some of the active provisions, but for more information please visit [my website](#) or www.healthcare.gov.

- Young adults can stay on their parents plan until age 26
- 4 million eligible small businesses can receive tax credits if they choose to offer coverage to their employees
- Children under age 19 can no longer be denied coverage by an insurance company for having a "pre-existing condition"
- Insurance companies can no longer place a lifetime limit on your coverage
- Seniors will now be receiving a 50% discount on brand-name drugs if you enter the Medicare Part D 'donut hole' coverage gap – a discount that grows until the 'donut hole' is closed in 2020
- You can no longer be dropped from coverage by your insurance company simply because you get sick
- You are eligible to get free coverage of key preventive services, such as immunizations, mammograms, and other cancer screenings if you are in a new insurance plan

This law is already making incredible steps towards providing affordable, quality health care for all Americans, and the remainder of the provisions will go into effect by 2014. Please know that I will continue to fight efforts to repeal this law because I know that our country cannot afford to put our health care back in the hands of insurance companies.

Sincerely,



Robert Brady
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